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\$1.1 Million Sought From B&M For Securing Asbestos Site

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Federal officials are seeking \$1.1 million from the Boston & Maine Railroad to pay for the costs of securing a Billerica site where asbestos was dumped for 30 years.

A suit filed in U.S. District Court yesterday asks the Boston & Maine Corp. to pay the Environmental Protection Agency's costs to cover a 21-acre landfill B&M owns in the northeastern part of the state, said U.S. Attorney William F. Weld.

"We have no comment," spokesman Dennis Coffey said at B&M headquarters in Billerica. "We're reviewing it. We have to see what's in it."

Federal officials say the Johns-Manville Products Corp. or its subsidiaries dumped the potentially cancer-causing substance asbestos at the landfill, located in Iron Horse Park in North Billerica.